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SYDNEY ALSO PASS TRADE CENTER

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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

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1. MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE CREAN PRESENTED TO
AMBASSADOR JUNE 2 GOA AIDE-MEMOIRE REPLYING TO U.S.
AIDE-MEMOIRE PRESENTED 13 MARCH TO SPECIAL MINISTER OF
STATE BOWEN REF (D).

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2. GOA AIDE-MEMOIRE REITERATES POINTS MADE BY MINISTER BOWEN IN MARCH MEETING AND SUMMARIZED REF (D). IT REAFFIRMS GOA VIEW THAT RECENT MEASURES WERE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEASURES TO MEET EXTRAORDINARY IMPORT SURGE AND SERIOUS DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DISRUPTION. IT ALSO REAFFIRMS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO PROGRESSIVE TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND TO CONTINUE A PROCESS OF INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING AND LONG-TERM REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION WITH CREAN, WE POINTED OUT THAT NUMEROUS UNDECIDED REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PIPELINE. IN THIS CONTEXT WE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS PROSPECT THAT, GIVEN NUMEROUS RESTRICTIONS ON SENSITIVE ITEMS ALREADY IN FORCE, AND DISTINCT DOWNTREND NOW RUNNING ON TOTAL AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS, WE COULD LOOK IN FUTURE FOR SHARP REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF NEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. CREAN'S RESPONSE WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC. HE INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIA WAS ENCOUNTERING SOME PROBLEMS OF DIVERSION WITH RESPECT TO VOLUNTARY BILATERAL EXPORT RESTRAINTS NEGOTIATED IN AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER WITH HONG KONG, INDIA, PRC AND SOUTH KOREA, AND THAT IT WOULD AVE TO BE GUIDED BY DOMESTIC UNEMPLOYMENT AND LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN INDIVIDUAL IMPORT-SENSITIVE SECTORS. NEVERTHELESS, HE CAUTIOUSLY ENDORSED THE VIEW THAT MOST OF REQUIREMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS HAD BEEN FULFILLED.

4. TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE IN FOLLOWING SEPTEL.
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